

PETHUEL FOSTER.

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MAY 26, 1842.

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Mr. DOAN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which had been referred the petition of Pethuel Foster, make the following report :*

The petitioner, Pethuel Foster, appears to have enlisted in the service of the United States, in 1812, for the term of five years, and to have remained in active service a little over two years, and then to have gone into the peace establishment, where he served out the remainder of his term. He says he was wounded in the right hand at the battle of Williamsburgh, and, when he was discharged from the service of the United States, received a certificate from his captain, which entitled him to half pay for life ; which certificate he has lost. By a letter from Peter Hagner, Auditor, the committee are informed that there is no evidence on the rolls that petitioner was wounded in the service of the United States. A physician, who is not certified to be respectable in his profession, rates his disability at one-half.

The claim of petitioner to a pension is sustained only by his own testimony, which, in the opinion of the committee, is not sufficient ; and they therefore report against the claim.

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At the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Petrucci Foster, make the following report:

The petitioner, Petrucci Foster, appears to have enlisted in the United States in 1812 for the term of two years, and being honorably discharged, he served out the remainder of his term in the service of the United States. He was wounded in the right hand at the battle of Fort Mifflin, and when he was discharged from the service of the United States, he received a certificate from his captain, which entitled him to a pension. A letter from the Secretary of War, dated 1818, which certifies he has lost his right hand, is also on file. The committee are informed that there is no evidence in the records of the War Department, or in the records of the United States, that the petitioner was wounded in the service of the United States. The committee are not entitled to be responsible in his petition, and they are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner to a pension is sustained only by his own testimony, which is not sufficient; and they are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner is not sustained.